

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2020
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present in Person: Chair Arch Gillies
Members Present via Dial-In: Gabe Pendleton, Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Lauren Bruce
Others Present in Person: Janet Anderson – Town Manager and Linda Wentworth, FNP-C
Others Present via Dial-In: Lucille Tigges, Nicholas Porter, Fred Porter, Michael Hutcherson,
John Rex-Waller, May P. Bartlett, Phyllis Collins, Bruce Clafin,
Page Clason, Dorie Henning FNP-C, Owen Howell, PA-C, Pastor
Trish Goodspeed, Sandra Oliver, Sarah Runnion Bareford, Roger
Heinen, Ken Senior, and Mathew Kraskiewicz

Call To Order: Chair Gillies called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM and a quorum was established.

Accept Minutes: MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2020 regular Select Board meeting. Roll Call – Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2020 special Select Board meeting. Roll Call – Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2020 special Select Board meeting. Roll Call – Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2020 special Select Board meeting. Roll Call – Motion passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The Planning Board Meeting for April 6, 2020 has been cancelled.

ISLESBORO PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE ON COVID-19

Numbers: Linda Wentworth FNP-C updated the Select Board on the current number of COVID-19 cases in Maine and indicated that at this time there are no COVID-19 hospitalized patients in either Waldo County General Hospital or Pen Bay Medical Center. On island there have been 5 tests performed which were all negative and there is one test pending.

Equipment: Linda Wentworth FNP-C said that the air purifying respirators are still on back order, and stressed the importance of this piece of equipment in transport of patient. She said she has been in contact with Michael Mullins who is starting a “pop-up” factory in Camden, Maine and hopes to purchase more PPE such as masks and gowns from him.

TOWN MANGER REPORT

The following is a list of scanned items that were sent and reviewed by the Select Board for this meeting:

1. Select Board Agenda 4/1/2020
2. Minutes of 3/18/2020 Select Board Regular Meeting/Teleconference
3. Minutes of 3/20/2020 Special Select Board Meeting/Teleconference
4. Minutes of 3/23/2020 Special Select Board Meeting/Teleconference
5. Minutes of the 3/27/2020 Special Select Board Meeting/Teleconference
6. RESOLUTION dated 3/20/2020 regarding COVID-19
7. Letter of 3/23/2020 to Gov Janet Mills regarding COVID-19
8. Volunteer Notice sent out 3/26/2020
9. 3/25/2020 Reduced ferry service schedule (since revised)
10. Draft IMB Oversight Committee Minutes of 8/22/2019
11. Draft MSFS Minutes of 3/12/2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Extending Town Office Closure to Fall in Line with Gov Mills Order.

Janet Anderson suggests that the Islesboro Town Office remain closed per guidelines of Governor Mills. The Select Board agreed that the Town office remain closed through at least April 30, 2020.

Extending Community Supported Agriculture

Gabe Pendleton said that he had talked to Michael Hutcherson, and wanted to review this with the Select Board in hopes that the Board would not find a problem with continuing CSA for a few more weeks in light of the recent pandemic. The Select Board supported continuance of CSA for the next few weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Select Board Resolution Regarding Capacity of Island to Handle Additional Arrivals During the Coronavirus Crisis

Arch Gillies said that the draft presented today dated April 1, 2020 has been reviewed by Town Attorney, Sally Daggett. It essentially recaps what the Governor has done and what the Town of Islesboro can do. Arch would like this document reviewed, approved, and sent out to all seasonal and island residents as soon as possible.

MOTION by P. Seymour to accept the document as presented. L. Bruce seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Gabe Pendleton:

Would like reference added as to source of 14 day quarantine order on Page 2, #2.

Janet said she would add source of Maine CDC.

He also recommended using the word "must" rather than "may" on page 3, line 9.

The sentence would then read “Existing residents of Islesboro *must* practice self-quarantine if one has recently returned from traveling to a part of the country or the world where COVID-19 is spreading rapidly, or if the individual has knowingly been exposed to an infected person”.

Lauren Bruce:

Would like to soften the document with either a letter of introduction or explanation or a preamble, letting the summer people know we welcome them, they are a part of the community, but our infrastructure is fragile, etc. Lauren said she and Gabe had been working on such a letter already.

Roger Heinen:

Agreed with Lauren about softening the tone of the document with possibly a letter. Roger feels more clarity is needed regarding whether we are asking people to quarantine when they get on island or here in Maine. He also said that the sentence prohibiting public use on the ferry is confusing and needs to be clarified as well. The ferry is considered the island’s “Highway”.

Sandy Oliver:

Would like to see a summer person’s take on the Town’s COVID-19 mandates/resolutions.

Phyllis Collins and May P. Bartlett

In response to Sandy Oliver’s aforementioned comment, both of these summer residents stated that they totally support what the Town is doing and commended the Town on a wonderful job. Phyllis Collins, summer resident for 80 years said “Bravo to you all.”

John Rex-Waller

He said he would like to see references in this document to Town Web Site or CDC links to help in cross referencing.

Ken Senior

Stated he especially liked the phrase “The virus doesn’t move, we move the virus”. He would like to see a way to educate all ferry passengers, educating them on the Town’s mandates during this crisis.

Toby Gilbert

Would like to see clarity on the use of the ferry. Arch said he would look into this. Wonders if quarantining should be extended to islanders going to the mainland. Finally, she wonders about restricting Air B & B and other summer rentals, perhaps the Town should take this into consideration at some point.

Arch Gillies

He asked that Lauren Bruce and Gabe Pendleton work with Roger Heinen on a preamble.

MOTION by Phil Seymour to table this document for amendments as discussed at this meeting. S. Conover seconded the motion. Roll Call – 5 yes, motion passed.

WARRANT FY 20-#20

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour to approve Warrant #20 for FY 20 in the amount of \$15,523.70. Roll Call – 5 yes, motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by G. Pendleton to appoint Tom Tutor to the Crisis Committee. Roll Call – 5 yes, motion passed.

MOTION by G. Pendleton, seconded by S. Conover, to appoint Lauren Bruce as the Public Information Officer. Roll Call – 5 yes, motion passed.

MEETING TIME FOR UPCOMING MONTH

Janet Anderson asked the Select Board if they wished to go to 6:15 PM for Select Board meetings in April or stay with 5 PM. The Select Board agreed unanimously to continue with 5 PM meetings for now.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by G. Pendleton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. Roll Call – 5 yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board